

The following message was then read :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS,  
AUSTIN, May 31, 1873. }

*Hon. M. D. K. Taylor, Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

SIR: I return to the House of Representatives, where it originated, the act entitled "An act supplemental to and amendatory of the several acts concerning injunctions."

This bill is dangerous, because it seems to invite the getting out writs of injunction against the collection of taxes. In fact, it will be an encouragement to the throwing of such obstacle in the way of collecting the necessary taxes for the support of the government or local authorities. I think that it must, on reflection, be agreed to be better to leave the parties to their remedy by suit against the officer or party levying, to recover the tax claimed to have been illegally or unconstitutionally exacted.

Very little harm can be done to the individual by requiring him to pay the tax (which in each particular case is generally of small moment), and resort to the courts to test its legality and recover it back. On the other hand, it is obvious that great public inconvenience, to say the least, may occur, if this sweeping power of injunction is allowed.

It is not safe to pass a bill which may be used to obstruct the public service.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.